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Notes from The Director's Office

My hat is off to all of you who had any responsibilities, however remote, for the care of Senator Robert A. Taft during the trying times of his unfortunate terminal illness here. It may seem a little late to mention this matter now, but it is my first opportunity to do so in the "Pulse".

The Senator's condition was a matter of deep concern to our entire country. Consequently there was persistent pressure from outside sources, particularly on those of you in the Information and Protection Departments, to secure information other than that contained in the official Hospital bulletins issued each day. However, not a single instance of the betrayal of our responsibilities to protect our patients has come to my attention. This is an unusual and enviable record. My heartiest congratulations.

The medical and nursing care provided the Senator were of the highest calibre. Telephone operators worked at top speed to handle up to three hundred calls of inquiry per day. All our many departments which service the nursing units carried out their duties with dispatch. But perhaps the greatest accolades should go to Mrs. Muldoon

and her associates in the Public Relations Department for their sympathetic and adroit handling of the Press. Because they are responsible for the publication of the "Pulse", their modesty will prevent them from publishing the fact that their fine work was mentioned in an editorial in The New York World Telegram & Sun as follows:

"And in connection . . . with the tragic passing of the Senator, we'd like to commend the staff of New York Hospital and Dr. Claude E. Forkner, Mr. Taft's personal physician, for the fine job they did in keeping the public informed on their patient's condition.

Their responsibility was twofold. They had first to make certain nothing they said needlessly alarmed Mr. Taft, who was avidly reading newspapers until his final relapse. But they also realized—as many doctors have failed to do in the past — that they also owed a responsibility to the public in keeping it informed of their distinguished patient.

Both tasks were discharged with dignity and good taste."

And so to all of you, again, congratulations and thanks.

Henry Z. Paris, M.D.

Service Award Dinner To Honor 53

53 men and women who have served the Center for 15 and 25 years will be honored at the seventh annual Service Anniversary Award Dinner sponsored by the Joint Administrative Board to be held on Tuesday, December 1, in the dining room of the Nurses' Residence.

The "Class of 1953", whose names are printed on page 6, includes 17 who have served the Center for 25 years and 36 who have been with us for 15 years. In case any names have been omitted from the list, please advise Mr. Payson in Room G-111 before November 1st.

In addition to those honored guests, those who have already passed the 25-year mark and others who are celebrating their 20th year with the Center will also be guests at the dinner which is

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United Hospital Fund Campaign Opens

The United Hospital Fund Campaign for 1953 is scheduled October 5th-December 1st, and, as you know, every member hospital has its own Campaign Team working for the Fund. Under the Distribution Formula it is distinctly to the advantage of each member hospital to have gifts made through its Team.

If you or your friends plan to contribute to the United Hospital Fund in 1953, will you give through The New York Hospital (subscription forms are available Room G-109)? Credit will be allowed us, and we shall be the gainers by a percentage of your gift.

Contributions may be sent directly to the United Hospital Fund, 8 East 41st Street or to the Office of the Secretary, Room G-109, The New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

THE COVER

With 54 incoming and 12 outgoing trunk lines and a 1,100 line dial system, The New York Hospital switchboard is one of the largest telephone systems of any hospital in the City. Some 70,000 outgoing calls are placed per month. We salute the 12 full time and 5 part time operators who staff the switchboard 'round the clock.

(Photo by Paul Parker)

Hamilton Hadley Becomes President Of The Society Of The New York Hospital

On September 15, 1953 Hamilton Hadley was elected president of the Society of the New York Hospital. Mr. Hadley, a member of the Board of Governors since 1947 and vice-president of the Society since Jan. 1, 1949, succeeds John Hay Whitney, who served as president since June, 1949. Mr. Whitney will continue his active interest in the affairs of The New York Hospital as vice-president of the Society.

Mr. Hadley, a trustee of the United States Trust Company and a director of the Research Corporation, is a graduate of Groton School and Yale University. He was formerly a member of the law firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts.

Mr. Hadley is a director and trustee of the Brearley School, an associate fellow of Branford College, Yale, and a councillor of the American Geographical Society. He is a life member of the American Museum of Natural History, the Academy of Political Sciences, and the American Geographical Society, and a member of the American, New York State and City Bar Associations.



HAMILTON HADLEY

During World War I, Mr. Hadley served as a captain in the U. S. Air Service, A. E. F.

We would like to welcome Mr. Hadley on behalf of the Hospital staff, and to thank Mr. Whitney for his tireless enthusiasm as president of the Society.

63 Get Nursing Degrees: School Admits 78

63 students received degrees at the 76th commencement exercises of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing on Sept. 24 and 78 new students were admitted to the School the same week. This year's graduates brought to 2,192 the number of nurses to graduate from the School since its establishment in 1877.

Speaker at the commencement exercises held in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence was Dr. Stanhope

Bayne-Jones, Civilian Technical Director of Research, Army Medical Research and Development Board.

Dr. Bayne-Jones was for the past six years, until his retirement on June 30th, President of the Joint Administrative Board of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. Deane W. Malott, President of Cornell University, conferred the degrees; nursing diplomas and School pins were presented by Hamilton Hadley, President of the Society.

Our Patients Write About Us

JOY OF THE HOSPITAL

by CAROLINE DUER

The month I spent at The New York Hospital was as pleasant a month as I can remember spending anywhere. It was the first time in all my eighty-eight years that I ever found myself in a hospital as a patient. I have served in hospitals, both abroad and at home, in whatever capacity I could be used, but not till now have I found how wonderful it is to be served and looked after in one.

If I had not gone storming out of my apartment in a suppressed rage it would never have happened. And I can not remember what the rage was about. But I know I was impatient to get somewhere and, in my hurry, my right heel slipped off the sidewalk. I fell heavily upon my left hip, very much surprised, as I came to, to find a large policeman about to send me off to Welfare Island.

Fortunately a good-looking and kind-hearted young man, who had come out of the apartment house when I did, said he knew where I lived, only a block away, and that he would fetch the doorman. This he did, and the doorman borrowed a wheel chair from a hospital-supply shop that is located conveniently near by. Home I went in bewildered triumph. The doorman took me up in the lift and carried me to my sofa, where I lay until the doctor came.

Now I have no excuse that I can make for myself. I was as obstinate and unreasonable as any woman could be when the doctor told me that I had broken a hip and should go to a hospital. He brought a surgeon to convince me, but I would not be convinced till I had spent a night of pain and unspeakable discomfort on my sofa, causing infinite trouble to my poor Bertha who had to look after me.

The wise doctor who bothers himself to take care of me let me have my own way, well knowing that when he came in the morning no lamb would be meeker—and none ever was! Even in a good deal of well-merited suffering I behaved, from that time, quite well.

I liked being wrapped up in a blanket

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REMEMBER

The National Safety Contest
*Do Your Part to Keep NYH in
Top Position —
Let's Win!!*



The New York Hospital Central Sterile Supply

One of the most important "behind the scenes" departments in the Hospital is Central Sterile Supply. It is this department which is responsible for the preparation and delivery of all sterile items used throughout the Hospital, the manufacture of dressings and for the preparation and sterilization of sets such as chest suction, cardiac catheterization, spinal puncture and tracheotomy.

On a smaller scale, the production record of our Central Sterile Supply Department reads like that of a modern industry. Here's a typical day's output of this department with a staff of 32 sharing a work schedule that starts at 7 a.m. and ends a half-hour after midnight:

assemble 1,000 packages of assorted sterile dressings . . . gauze rolls, cord dressings, cotton balls, fluffs, applicators, etc.

process 1,000 pairs surgical gloves
process and pack 5,000 needles and tubes

assemble 150 drums containing assorted sterile dressings, towels, pads, sheets, swabs, etc.



A general view of the workroom in C.S.S. At left Catherine Cliskowski assembling tracheotomy set, Madeline Mazur closing catheterization packs, right, Margaret Nee assembling spinal puncture set, Nellie Sanjarevsky assembling cardiac catheterization set. In background Tomac glove powdering cabinets and glove testing machines.

prepare 30 containers sterile vaseline gauze

prepare 40 containers sterile vaseline packing — various widths

prepare 10 containers sterile xeroform gauze — various widths

prepare and assemble 20 sterile sets

for clinical treatments

In addition, the department sterilizes 900 operating room packs per day, each pack containing all the linen and gauze necessary for an operation. These packs, which are assembled in the Laundry include surgical gowns.



All intravenous and intramuscular needles are processed in C.S.S. Needles are cleaned, sharpened (Meta Henningsen at grinding machine) and individually rinsed in automatic needle cleaning machines (Mariana Soler at machine), which clears them of residue or obstructions. Needles are individually placed in tubes, closed with cellophane and elastic bands (Vera Polubinski, Vera Agoston) then autoclaved.





Sterilization is carried out by means of four autoclaves, three of which allow for automatic as well as manual operation, and one dry heat sterilizer.

Central Sterile Supply is a point with which most departments of the Hospital have daily contact. It is a veritable beehive of activity, one that is seldom seen but certainly felt.

The processing and sterilization of 1,000 pairs of rubber gloves a day is part of the work of Central Sterile Supply. Gloves are washed in the Laundry and delivered to C.S.S. where they are placed on compressed air glove testing machines (designed and made by our Engineering Department) by Pauline Charnuk, Sina Rybalschenka, Zelda Diamond. The gloves are then placed in Tomac glove powdering cabinets where they are powdered, matched and wrapped inside the cabinets. Finally the glove packs are sterilized in the autoclave.



The last step in preparation of all supplies is the actual sterilization. Perfecto Matos is shown loading one of the autoclaves in which all supplies are sterilized.

Fashion Preview

An impressive collection of Fall Fashions created by Sumaj of Fifth Avenue was shown August 26, in the Lounge of the Nurses Residence.

The collection of fashions, ranging from tailored suits to evening gowns, pointed up the designers versatility in the use of unusual color combinations and subtle textures.

Some 15 costumes were modeled by Jane Connell, Lois White, Marie Cole, Jo Terriberry, Sara Ann Mohr, Nursing School students; Edith Nielson, Dina DePietro, Gloria Fralinger, Surgery; Geraldine Basinger, Medicine; Monica McManamy, Private Patients; Barbara Cremo, Payroll; Margaret Kazarian, Lying-In; Minerva Candee, Anesthesia. The door prize a blouse was won by Nancy Martella, Private Patients.

The Fashion Show attended by a goodly crowd, was arranged by the House Committee and proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a television set.

"Twins for Twins"

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Ziffer the lucky parents of twins born on September 23rd at NYH are in for a double award — spanking new automatic washer and dryer, Westinghouse's own twins.

Employee Identification Cards

Some of you may have been inconvenienced within the last month by not being able to receive or cash your pay check because you did not present your Hospital identification card.

In order to protect you and to assure correct identification, it is necessary for the cashier and payroll teller to request you to show your Hospital identification card when you receive or cash your payroll check.

We hope you will understand that exceptions to this rule cannot be made. If you do not have an identification card you may purchase a new card for 25 cents at the Personnel Department, Room L009.

SERVICE AWARD DINNER

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scheduled for 6:15 P.M. Department heads and other invited guests will swell the group to about 200 diners.

Speakers will include Deane W. Mott, President of Cornell University, and Hamilton Hadley, President of the Society. Dr. Norman Plummer, assistant attending Physician at the Hospital and assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Cornell, who is to receive his 25 year pin, will respond for the group being honored.

Dinner menus will feature a newly designed cover which will be of special interest to collectors of Center mementos.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

1953

15 Years of Service

Leona Baumgartner
Otto Billo
Helen Broker
Muriel Carbery
Irene Cross
J. Louise Despert
Vincent duVigneaud
Helene Eliasberg
Emily Emslie
John Euchler
Frank W. Farrell
Antonio Ferrandez
Concetta Ferreri
Dolores Goff
William Kemmerer
Quan Y. Kau
Hughena Kennedy
John Lawrence
Frederick Lee Liebolt
Mary E. H. Loveless
John MacLeod
John Oppie McCall
Frederic C. McLellan
Herbert Parsons
Minnie Patterson
Ellen Phillips
John Polleck
Harry Prevedi
Julian R. Rachele
Charles Ressler
Anna Sass
Melly Simon
J. James Smith
Theodate Soule
Catherine Timmann

25 Years of Service

Esther Anderson
Helen J. Campbell
Peter G. Denker
Mary Feeley
George A. Fiedler
Phyllis Greenacre
Dorothy P. Greene
Lino R. Grillo
D. Rees Jensen
Elizabeth V. Johnning
Dorothea Lemcke
Norman Plummer
Ada Chree Reid
Annette Sakalov
Janet Travell
Louise Ungewitter
Marjorie A. Wheatley

Rheta Glueck, Editor of the PULSE, unfortunately became a victim of poliomyelitis while vacationing in Mexico City. Latest reports from the American British Cowdray Hospital in Mexico City, where she is hospitalized, indicate that she is progressing satisfactorily.

X-ray Graduates 16

16 students of the School of Radiography were graduated on Sept. 23 after completing the two year course at the Hospital. The afternoon ceremonies were held in the Doctor's Lounge.

Dr. Lawrence W. Hanlon, Assistant Dean of Cornell Medical College was the commencement speaker. Diplomas were presented by Dr. John A. Evans, Radiologist-in-Chief, to Dolores M. Betros, Guy E. Chaderton, James L. Corsano, John O. Costello, John J. Feehan, Donald K. Flynn, Mario S. LaBarbera, Joan N. MacGregor, Patricia A. Moran, Rita M. Nemerget, Kenneth Smedo, Constance J. Silvernail, Joseph M. Taylor, Jr., Fredinando A. Trovato, Margaret S. Ugiss, Doris Lu Williams.

Boss to Secretary — "Miss Smith where is my fountain pen?"

Miss Smith — "Behind your ear."

Boss — "Come, Come, Miss Smith you know I'm a busy man!! which ear?"



It was farewell and all good wishes as Mrs. Mary Kelly concluded 18 years of service at the Center on Sept. 15th. Some 65 people attended the farewell party held in her honor in the Doctor's Lounge on the 18th floor. Left to right in picture: Miss Ruth Nielsen, Miss Lefa Rose, Miss Marguerite Plow, Miss Mary McDermott, Mrs. Mary Walsh Kelly, Miss Eva Poor.

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and carried off on a stretcher. I was thrilled at lying in an ambulance with a bell ringing to clear the way. I was interested while coming up in the hospital lift as a "case," proud of being X-rayed, and I even felt quite impressed with myself when I went to be operated on. Later, when I heard that the silver pin holding my hip to the rest of me was mine for "keeps," I was pleased with the distinguished surgeon who allowed it.

People have to wait for these experiences, I suppose, to take full cognizance of them. But what a time I have had! And what admirable treatment from everyone, from the great nurses — night and day — who looked after me competently and kindly, to the newspaper boy who brought my Tribune, the mail-boy who seemed pleased when I had a letter, and the waiters who supplied me with food — good food, too! If I am not now as fat as a porpoise it is only because I have accustomed my stomach to old-maidish eating.

If I criticized anything, it would be the banishment of one's personal and particular medicines, the tried accompaniments of many long journeys. Cough-drops, eye-drops, nose-drops — any bottles not belonging to the hospital — are forbidden unless expressly passed in writing by the doctor. Even a medicine given long ago by him may be the

HOSPI=TALES

Here and There: *Hendericka Rynbergen* and *Susan Paige* took part in the panel of guest speakers at the first Fall meeting of the Greater New York Dietetic Association which was held in the Student Lounge of the Nurses Residence. The panel made a report on the National Dietetics Convention attended by Miss Rynbergen and Miss Paige in Los Angeles. . . . *Helen B. Lincoln*, Medical Record Librarian, left for San Francisco Oct. 1, where she will conduct the annual meeting of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians of which she is President. Following the meeting she will fly to Hawaii. . . . *Gertrude Karl* went West on her vacation in August. . . . Congratulations to *Benjamin Brancato* in the Payroll Department who received a Masters Degree in Education recently. . . . *Mrs. Fred Mitchell*, formerly Dietitian in the East Dining Room, has returned to temporary duty in Nutrition Personnel. . . . *Joseph Costa*, Nutrition Department Cook, who was hospitalized in July is reported to be up and about again. . . . *Anne Vickery*, Psychology Department, has taken up her duties as secretary to the Dean of Chapel at Princeton University as of Sept. 1. . . . *Geralda Leighton*, secretary to Dr. Allan Fraser, Child Psychiatry, has resigned and *Susan Don-*

nelly has taken her place. . . . *Carl Sprung*, Housekeeping Department, has resigned after seven years service to return to Germany to visit his mother whom he has not seen in about twenty years. . . . We welcome *Melvin Reeves*, Laundry, back from Korea. Melvin was wounded in combat and after a convalescing stretch is doing nicely.

. . . *Dr. Frank Ferguson*, formerly with the Department of Pharmacology has left the Medical College to accept the position of Professor of Pharmacology and Head of the Department at the Albany Medical College. . . . *Robert Maynard*, an orderly on G-3 since 1951 has been appointed the tailor in charge of our Valet Shop. Mr. Maynard while working here, completed a 2½ year course in Tailoring at the N. Y. Technical Institute. . . . *Frank Motyka* has been appointed Chief Technician of the X-ray Department succeeding *Adelle Groesbeck* who has been appointed Assistant to the Radiologist-in-Chief. . . . *Mrs. Denise C. Kimball*, a recent graduate of the Dietetic Internship is Dietitian in Women's Clinic. . . . *Meredith Jones*, formerly Educational Director for the Nutrition Department has taken a new position with the Nutrition Association of Greater Cleveland.

Snared and Paired: *Dr. Kay M. Kreth*, OBS and GYN, was married to Jeanne West on Sept. 19, in Little Rock, Ark. *Dr. Gilmore* of Lying-In was an usher at the wedding. Mrs. Silcox attended the wedding. . . . *Mariana E. Givens*, Secretary in the Dean's Office and *Dr. William L. Craver*, Resident in Surgery, were married on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at All Saints' Church, Jersey City. . . . *Diana Wasserman* was married to Carl Steinhouse on Aug. 16, at the St. Moritz Hotel. . . . *Phyllis King Noble* who was married on Aug. 29, returned to her duties in Occupational Therapy on Oct. 6, after a two months vacation. . . . *Mickey Concannon* of X-ray became the Bride of Joseph Pilek in August.

Heired: *Tracy Storch* of Administration has a second son, Peter Thomas, born Sept. 4. . . . It's all boys for *Drs. Michael Esposito*, *Kent Westley*, *Herbert Kantor* of X-ray as well as *Dr. Joseph Artusio*, Anesthesiology and *Dr. Leston L. Havens*, Medicine. . . . Baby girls for *Dr. Jean Beasley*, Ped. OPD, *Billie Starke*, formerly Social Service, *Mrs. Galvin*, formerly Ped. OPD, and *Dr. David Kliewer*, Medicine. . . . *Jim* and *Theresa Martin*, both Laundry Dept. employees, are the proud parents of a 9 lb. 13 oz. baby boy born in this hospital on June 18.

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subject of midnight controversy if he hasn't put it down on the chart. The young floor-nurse who took up this point with me was quite right, only it happened that the hospital sedative was twice as strong as my usual one, so I did not feel sure I should yield. I did so for the sake of sleep — and was glad in the morning of my new-found saint-like disposition.

I hope it may last. Everything about me now soothes. How I shall bear the ups and downs of daily life again I don't know!

So far this angelhood has not flown from me, though the ambulance, happily ringing its bell, has brought me back to my own apartment. I feel distinctly less

important — though I make the most of my official return. There was, for instance, something more exciting about the daily general bath in the hospital. When I was a patient; about the time my bed-bath reached the stage of my right leg it was no unusual thing for three doctors to be inspecting the left one at the same moment — their leg, as one might call it, as indeed it almost was! Promoted to an all-over bath down the hall, I constantly wondered why I was not being visited with the usual attention. If this shows a lack of modesty I am unconscious of the lack. Indeed, I was just pleased and proud to show off to my doctor when he made an appoint-

ment to see how well I got out of the tub with no help from anybody. Somehow I think I do it better with an audience.

Really, though, there are compensations for everything. People are kind, unbelievably kind. In my heart I do not tire of saying thank you.

And then there is so much to do that I mayn't do and that I so much enjoy not doing. May Heaven bless excuses that really excuse, and me for behaving as well as I do at home after my hospital orgy.

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The 25 year group: left to right seated: Dr. Wall, Mrs. Florence Noon, Miss Ellen E. Phelan, Bernard Gelroy; standing: Bostolo Martini, Patrick J. Farrell, Joseph Niedermaier, Gilbert Warren.



The 15 year group: left to right seated: Victor Bauer, Mrs. Cora Adgate, Miss Loretta H. Bulger, Miss Maude Harker, Miss Mabel Libby, Dr. Walter W. Mott; standing: Douglas Hobby, Harold E. Vehstage, Dr. Edward Weber, John H. Walsh, Father Arnold, Dr. Thomas Peightal.

N. Y. H. Westchester Division Honors Employees

24 members of the staff of the Hospital were honored by the Board of Governors at the Westchester Division, Sept. 28th, by receiving Service awards for 15 and 25 years of service. The reception and dance which was held in the spacious and beautifully decorated Men's Gymnasium, was attended by some 200 members of the Hospital family.

The awards of gold emblems to the 11 who have served the hospital for 25 years and silver emblems to the 13 who have completed 15 years of service were made by Edward W. Bourne, Chairman of the Westchester Committee of the Board of Governors. Including this year's group, a total of 114 names of staff members honored for long service now appears in the honor roll booklets which are distributed each year. In making the awards, Mr. Bourne expressed the sincere appreciation of the Board for the loyal and efficient service rendered by this group whose steadfast effort through so many years has kept aloft the standards which make The New York Hospital-Westchester Division an outstanding hospital in its field. The fine influence of this seasoned group is felt in every department as model and an inspiration.

Following the brief ceremony, refreshments and dancing were enjoyed in full measure.

AN AUTUMNAL TONIC

What mystery is it? The morning as rare

As the Indian Summer may bring!

A tang in the frost and a spice in the air

That no city poet can sing!

The crimson and amber and gold of the leaves,

As they loosen and flutter and fall

In the path of the park, as it rustlingly weaves
Its way through the maples and under the eaves

Of the sparrows that chatter and call.

What hint of delight is it tingles me through?—

What vague, undefinable joy?

What yearning for something divine that I knew

When a wayward and wood-roving boy?

Ah-la! and O-ho! but I have it, I say—

Oh, the mystery brightens at last,—

'Tis the longing and zest of the far, far away,

For a bountiful, old-fashioned dinner to-day.

With the hale harvest-hands of the past.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY